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Atlantic, replete with heroic couplets and biblical and classical allusion. Their experiences were too real and objective to encourage imaginative flights either in prose or verse for the period was essentially prosaic, matter-of-fact, materialistic; and yet, one may say, it was an age, too, strangely blending the idealistic with the practical" (p. 22).

The book is one which should perhaps be reviewed once, and then forgotten; and it is much more certain that it should be forgotten than that it ever deserved reviewing.

FRANKLYN B. SNYDER

*Story of young Abraham Lincoln.* By Wayne Whipple. (Philadelphia: Henry Altemus company, 1915. 226 p. \$.75)

This is a book for young people in keeping with other entertaining biographies of prominent Americans by the same author. It will not interest the student of American history. In a lively narrative style, the author strings together entertaining stories of Lincoln's boyhood and manhood, with no disturbing regard for what can be historically verified and what is probably apocryphal. There are no references but the anecdotes are gathered from narratives by members of the Hanks family, by Herndon, Stoddart, Hay and others.

An interesting feature of the narrative is the finality with which the author accepts some of these stories as "finally clearing up" points on which doubt has long been expressed by expert writers and students of Lincoln's life. In this way, the mooted question of what portion of the Gettysburg address was written before the dedication day is "unconsciously" settled. Likewise an anecdote explains "a question which has puzzled several biographers"—why Lincoln was deprived of his sword in the Black Hawk campaign.

The tales are woven together in a chronological order and will undoubtedly appeal to many young readers upon whom an authentic history would pall. The colored illustrations add to the attractiveness of the volume.

EDWIN E. SPARKS

*The Indian Stream republic and Luther Parker.* By Grant Showerman, Ph.D., professor, University of Wisconsin. [Collections of the New Hampshire historical society, edited by Otis Grant Hammond, M.A., superintendent of the society, vol. 11.] (Concord, N. H.: New Hampshire historical society, 1915. 272 p. \$3.00)

This is a miscellaneous compilation. It contains *inter alia* a documentary history of the Indian Stream republic under its constitution of July 9, 1832, a journal kept by a young woman in Wisconsin territory from 1852 to 1857, and a genealogical and biographical sketch of Luther Park-